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anything about what you're saying. Those are the remedies. You know, I listen to Senator Chambers, and I want to articulate my point of view. I don't think this is a police officer problem; I think it's a lobbyist problem. I think--as Senator Synowiecki indicated earlier, he did not draft the green copy of the bill--this is the most poorly drafted bill I've seen in a long And the surprise lobbyist amendment that was just popped up this morning, that none of us have had an opportunity to look at, I don't know if it makes the bill better or not. So as we go through this, I'm going to read that and compare that to the green copy and see if those significant drafting problems have been corrected. And if they have, I'll support the bill; if they haven't, I'll vote to recommit to committee, I'll vote against cloture, whatever it takes to prevent poorly drafted legislation from becoming statute. But I want to point something out to you. And you might find this amusing. I think it was last year that I introduced LB 614. And LB 614 required electronic recording of custodial interrogations. Basically, when a person was arrested, they would have to...the police department, the police officers, whenever possible -- and there were a lot of outs in there--but the police department had to record the interrogation. And it was kind of a...it protected, in my opinion, both the criminal, or the person being accused of a crime, and the police officer, in that there was an actual recorded documentation of what transpired. And here's the funny part. The fiscal note for that bill, let me just read this to Lincoln submitted a fiscal note stating that the cost to the city would be tens of thousands of dollars, depending on whether only interrogation rooms were to be included, or if each officer was to be equipped with a portable recording device. And then Omaha submitted a note stating it would approach \$100,000 or more to provide the equipment, personnel, training, to produce, catalog, and do that "recordation." You read the green copy of the bill, lo and behold, the police officers want their interrogations to be recorded. Even though the lobbyists for the police department testified in a neutral capacity on my bill, it was one of those negative neutrals, if you know what I Then you look at the fiscal note from LB 304. The cities of Lincoln and Omaha advise no fiscal impact. How is it that when we're trying to afford some protection to both the police officers and the criminals, hundreds of thousands of dollars,